(c) whether Government propose to allow Ayurvedic CMOs who are part of the Allopathic Dispensaries; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Ayurvedic CMOs/Physicians under CGHS cannot refer CGHS beneficiaries to the GovtVprivate recognised hospitals of Allopathic system.

However, the Ayurvedic CMOs/Physicians under CGHS can refer CGHS beneficiaries for consultation directly to the Govt. Ayurvedic hospitals.

(c) and (d) The matter is being examind by the Government.

Code of Professional Ethics

2768. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a code of professional ethics in medical practice in the country to check certain unethical practices like removal of organs, sale of infants, sophisticated machnies shown out of order etc.;

(b) if so, details thereof and by when such a code is likely to be enforced;

(c) if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent unethical practices going on in the name of medical profession?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Medical Council of India with the approval of the Central Government have notified the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 in the Official Gazette dated 6th April, 2002. These Regulations prescribe the various acts of commission and omission on the part of a physician which are construed as misconduct and unethical. These Regulations also make it mandatory for a physician to observe the various Acts like Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, Transplantation of

Human Organ Act 1994; Pre-natal Sex Determination Test, 1994 or any Act or regulations of the State Govts., Local bodies etc. The Medical Council of India or the appropriate State Medical Councils have been empowered to take disciplinary action against a physician for violation of the provisions of the Regulations. Such erring physician may be awarded punishment as deemed fit which may include removal of his name from the register permanently or for a limited period after conducting an enquiry.

Malnutrition Cases in Maharashtra

2769. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the cases of malnutrition in the first three years of life are being registered in the eight district of Maharashtra, especially in Vidarbha region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any strategy to overcome the problem by providing assistance to the State Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (e) No, Sir. As per information received from the Government of Maharashtra, the number of cases of malnutrition registered in these eight districts is in the similar proportion as observed for the State of Maharashtra as a whole. The Government has adopted the following measures in the country including the State of Maharashtra to overcome the problem of malnutrition :—

- Increased Agricultural Production.
- Improving the purchasing power of the people through income generating schemes.
- Availability of essential food items at subsidized cost through Public Distiibution System.
- Nutrition education to increase the awareness and bringing about tne desired changes in the feeding practices including promotion of breast feeding.
- Supplementary feeding prog/ammes such as:

  (i) Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS).